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In re Application of:)
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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2000-9925	Japan	January 14, 2000

REMARKS

An English translation of the foreign document is not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. U.S. Patent No. 6,251,700 is listed as being in the same patent family. An English abstract for the reference, obtained from a commercial database, also is enclosed as an English language

statement of relevance. A copy of the Korean Official Letter/Search Report is also enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

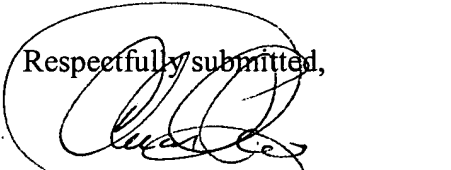
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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